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CALENDAR



Mon., May 4 - Press Conference, Cocktails. Honorable Jose Figueres, former President of Costa Rica. 4:45 p.m. (See story, page 7.)

Mon., May 4 - Reception. Maurice Chevalier. 6:00 p.m.

The French entertainer will be presented with a scroll for his service to French-American relations.

Tues., May 5 - Open House. Former Governor of New York Averell Harriman. (See story, page 2.)

Thurs., May 7 - Luncheon. U.S. Under Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon. 12:30 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow his speech. A radio and TV news conference for excerpts from the speech and interviews will be held in the Memorial Library immediately following the luncheon. (See story below.)

Tues., May 12 - Regional Dinner: Brazil. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Reservations for member and one guest each at \$4.00 per person at OPC.

Tues., May 19 - Open House. Abba Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. and UN. Reception, 6:15, dinner, 7:00, discussion, 8:00 p.m.

Thurs., May 28 - Media Night: Hearst Enterprises. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

STATE'S DILLON HERE MAY 7

C. Douglas Dillon, Acting Secretary of State while Secretary Christian P. Herter attends the foreign ministers' conferences, will speak at an OPC luncheon on May 7. Dillon, who has had to cancel a number of engagements scheduled prior to the recent changes in the State Dep't., has elected to keep his date with the OPC; made several weeks ago.

Coordinator for the Mutual Security programs, the Under Secretary (and No. 2 official) of the State Dep't. will discuss "the challenge of Communist economic expansion." Reservations at OPC.

JOHN WILHELM ELECTED 1959-60 PRESIDENT: TALBERT, GRAUER, LUTER VICE PRESIDENTS



JOHN WILHELM

John Wilhelm, director of news bureaus, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. was elected 1959-60 President of the OPC at its twentieth Annual Meeting Tuesday.

Eight hundred fifty-five ballots, both by mail and in person, were cast.

Wilhelm, succeeding Thomas P. Whitney, will head a slate of officers to include Vice Presidents Ansel E. Talbert, executive editor of Flight Safety Publications, Ben Grauer, NBC special events reporter and commentator, and John Luter, editor of the press section of Newsweek; Secretary Will Yolen of Hill and Knowlton, and Treasurer (Continued on page 3.)

THE RESULTS!

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Luncheon For Castro Biggest OPC Gathering

Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba told an estimated 1,800 OPCers and their guests that the U.S. had given him "more honor than I deserve" when he spoke at an OPC luncheon in his honor on April 23.

The luncheon was noted in President Thomas P. Whitney's introductory remarks as having "the largest attendance of any OPC affair to date."

One hundred twenty-five newsmen and photographers covered the function at the Hotel Astor, among them the N.Y. Times' Herbert L. Matthews and Hearst's Bob Considine. Former U. S. Postmaster Jim Farley and baseball great Jackie Robinson were among a group introduced from the floor.

The entire grand ballroom floor was thronged with closely-packed tables which also filled the ante-room to the rear. The two balconies were also well filled. One forward section was used by television cameras of NBC, CBS, UPI Movietone-Telenews, WPIX-TV and WRCA-TV.

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OPC's WEEK: FIGUERES, CHEVALIER, HARRIMAN, DILLON TO BE GUESTS

HARRIMAN HERE MAY 5

Former Governor of New York Averell Harriman will give a report on India and Southeast Asia when he is guest of an OPC Open House on May 5.

Harriman recently returned from a five-week tour of India and Southeast Asia, during which he interviewed more than seventy-five leading political, diplomatic and industrial figures, had four talks with Prime Minister Nehru, and conducted a study of the relative effectiveness of American and U.S.S.R. information and economic activities.



HARRIMAN

Besides India, he visited Nepal, Pakistan and adjoining countries. Adding journalism to his diplomatic career, Harriman filed stories from India and Pakistan to NANA which were carried in sixty-seven newspapers. He is also doing an article for a June issue of *Look*.

Reservations for the Open House may be made at the OPC. The reception is at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. followed by his talk and questions from the floor. Reservations now at OPC.

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OVERSEAS TICKER



MOSCOW

Moscow correspondents have been busy balancing martini glasses at one farewell-welcome party after another as a raft of replacements and visiting firemen have stirred up the scribes' colony.

Howard Norton, *Baltimore Sun*, no sooner got the glasses washed from his welcome party for touring *Sun* managing editor Charles Dorsey, Jr., than he got out the *hors d'oeuvres* trays again to welcome his replacement, Peter Kumpa, from the *Sun* Washington bureau. Norton departs Moscow in June for Washington via the Orient, happily in time to miss the scramble to cover Vice President Dick Nixon and the opening of the American Exhibition.

Other changes include: Joseph Michiels, NBC, here from the Rome bureau trading assignments with *Irving Levine*; *Preston Grover*, AP, from Paris, replacing bureau manager *Harold Milks* who's off to Cuba; Robert Korengold coming in from UPI's Geneva bureau to replace Anthony Austin, now in London for reassignment; and your new Moscow correspondent, ex-Hollywood UPI, relieving Colette Blackmore.

Gus Swenson, AP, slipped on Moscow ice and broke his leg in four places on March 6. He was hospitalized three weeks, is now recuperating with a cast in his hotel room.

Helen Lambert, wife of *N.Y. Herald Tribune's* Moscow correspondent Tom Lambert, has one-woman art show at the Artist's Mart in Washington, D.C. She'll exhibit in Moscow next fall.

Osgood Caruthers, *N.Y. Times*, handed out cigars at a press conference at the American Embassy — for his *Times'* colleague, Max Frankel, in absentia, who had flown to New York to be with his wife at the birth of their first child, a boy.

The second volume of Khrushchev's book containing his speeches and interviews with journalists has been published. Contributors to the tome, through their interviews, include *Henry Shapiro*, UPI; *Kingsbury Smith*, UPI; *W.R. Hearst, Jr.*; and *James Reston* and *Turner Catledge*, *N.Y. Times*.

Aline Mosby

PARIS

Arnold Gingrich, founder and publisher of *Esquire*, predicted a coming Puritan revolution in literature, as a reaction against too much sexuality — in a lecture to the French Press Institute at the Sorbonne...*Col. Stedman S. Hanks* in Paris for the French publication of his book, *The Aristocrats*.

Pierre Denoyer, editor-in-chief of *Selection* (French edition of *Reader's Digest*) and member of Superior Council of the AFP, reelected honorary president of the C.F.T.C., French Catholic Journalists Union.

Morrill Cody, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Counselor, inaugurated "La mer nous rapproche" ("The Sea Makes Us Neighbors") Exhibition at the Paris Fair.

Anglo-American Press Ass'n. heard Socialist ex-Premier Guy Mollet face questioning at luncheon.

Ed Taylor, *The Reporter*, on a brief trip to London...*Joe Fromm*, *U.S. News & World Report*, in Paris from London. Lief Eid, NBC former Paris correspondent, also in town on a European swing.

NBC's *Today* TV crew, including Dave Garraway, Charles van Doren, Jack Lescoulie, Jerry Danzig and Robert Bendick, filming Paris for a whole week on video tape. (Ed. Note: The taped show led to a walkout in the United States by 1,500 NBC engineers' union members.)

B.J. Cutler, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, addressed Paris post of Society of American military engineers.

Bernard S. Redmont

ON ASSIGNMENT

John Groth and *Dick Joseph* are on assignment on a sailboat in the Bahamas doing a feature for *Esquire*. Groth is doing the pictures, Joseph the writing.

HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Benjamin Cohen received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Fairleigh Dickinson University and at the same time announced his acceptance of a professorship in the Social Science department, to start next September. He'll also be Visiting Professor at Yeshiva U.

OPC Past President *Eugene Lyons* will address the Executives' Club of Chicago on May 8 on the impending East-West negotiations on the Berlin crisis.

William L. Ryan, AP news analyst, left by PanAm jet Monday for another extended tour of the Middle East.

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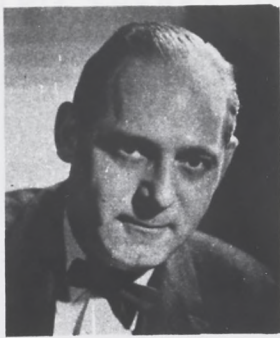
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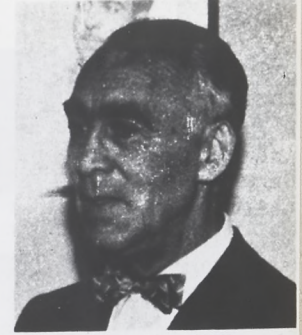
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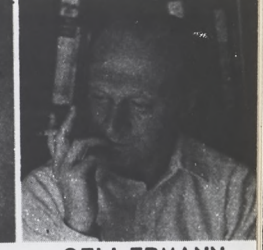
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"Security" In Saigon: UPI's Brix Slugged

"Security" measures taken by the South Viet Nam government during a state visit by Philippine President Carlos P. Garcia resulted in a top police official slugging UPI correspondent Dale Brix three times.

Brix was floored three times while taking pictures of the arrival of Garcia, and his cable to Manila reporting the incident was held up by the government.

Brix moved the story via a Philippine diplomatic pouch. The visiting officials tried vainly to ease security rulings to aid newsmen in covering the visit.

John F. Day, chairman of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, plans action through U.S. State Dep't. channels and direct protest to the South Viet Nam government, as soon as full details are available.

In Jakarta, Tengku Sjahril, chairman of Indonesia's Journalists' Ass'n., and an Indonesian government spokesman both expressed regret over the incident in the neighboring country.

WILHELM ELECTED

(Continued from page 1.)

surer Franz Weissblatt, export management surveys.

Elected to the Board of Governors for one year to complete the unexpired two-year term of Ansel Talbert was Joe Wurzel.

Results of the election were announced at 10:00 p.m., record time in the counting of ballots by the Election Committee.

Chairman of the Judges was Donald C. Bolles; Secretary, Anita Diamant Berke; Charles E. Campbell, Jr., Vice Chairman. Members of the Committee were George Goodsitt, Fred Kerner, Henning Koefoed, William S. Foster and Frank C. Wachsmith, counsel.

Completing their two-year terms on the Board of Governors will be Harrison E. Salisbury, Larry LeSueur, Richard de Rochemont, Pauline Frederick and Will Oursler.

The Annual Meeting, which convened at 8:00 p.m., heard reports from officers and committee chairmen during the 1958-59 term. President Whitney's report is to be received through the mail by all members of the Club.

The Admissions Committee reported

present membership of the Club at 1,360. Arthur Milton, co-chairman of *Dateline 1959* reported a profit from the year's publication of \$9,438.11, the greatest profit of any single venture by the OPC since the TV spectaculars And the Castro luncheon, Luncheon Committee Chairman Kathleen McLaughlin reported, brought a profit of more than \$1,500.

Committee reports will be summarized further in next week's *Overseas Press Bulletin*.

TAYLOR NAMED

Davidson Taylor, former CBS and NBC vice president, recently on special assignment with the Lincoln Center Committee, New York Public Library, was named director of Columbia University's Arts Center program. The project includes construction of a twelve-story building bringing together on Morningside Heights all the university's activities in painting, sculpture, theater, music, history of fine arts and archaeology, TV, radio, movies, graphic arts and architecture.

MIDDLETOWN PAPER WINS AWARD

The *Middletown (N.Y.) Daily Record* of which David Bernstein is editor and publisher, has won the 1959 Ayer Award (tabloid category).

CASTRO SPEAKS TO THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB...



Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro greets OPC Vice President Inez Robb at OPC luncheon, held at Astor Hotel on April 23. OPC President Thomas P. Whitney looks on.



Photo: Ann Meuer
Castro is serious as he listens to questions from floor.



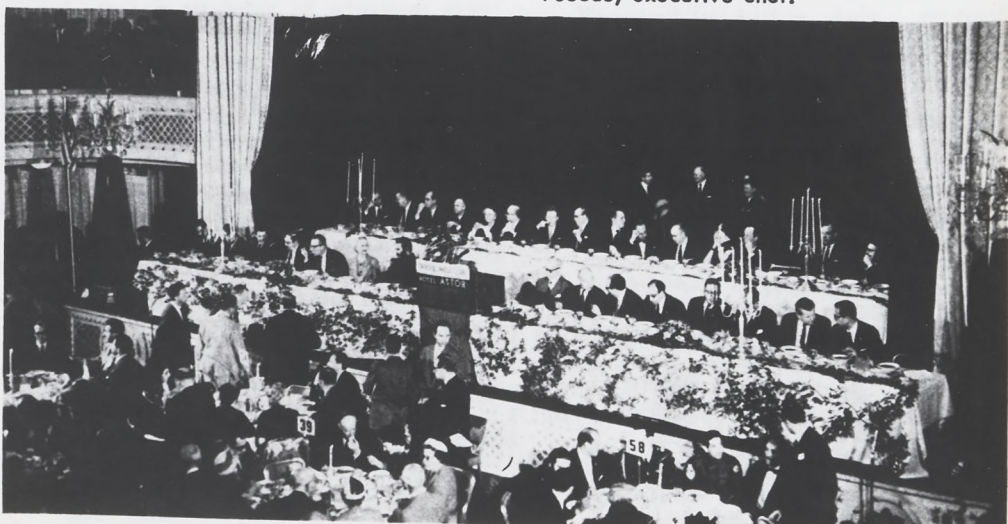
Whitney enjoys the rebel leader's story about his meeting with Herbert L. Matthews. Interpreter is to left.



Castro chats with Mrs. Robb as he eats lunch. Nine hundred thirty-five Hotel Astor employees were screened beforehand; Castro's food was specially prepared by Lucian Toucas, executive chef.



Photo: Ann Meuer
Castro grows intent when answering a question about his government.



The dais included OPC officers and officials of the Cuban government...and three New York City detectives in the background.

CASTRO (Continued from page 1.)

Castro drew laughs and cheers when he described his first meeting with Herbert Matthews. Matthews won the 1958 OPC George Polk Memorial Award for reporting "requiring exceptional courage and enterprise abroad" for his interview with Castro in his jungle hide-out in the Sierra Maestra in Feb. 1957 "which proved to the world that the rebel chief was still alive." Castro said that when Matthews first saw him "we had eighteen men — he thought we were a patrol, but that was our entire army. He didn't ask how many men I had, because he thought it wasn't right. And I didn't tell him."

Speak to People

Castro told the guests that he was in the U.S. "to speak to the people — what I do in Cuba." He said that "people are loyal to those who love them." Castro said he would return to Cuba from his visit as a "man of more faith" in the bond of friendship between his country and the U.S. He added the American people would never repent "the honor you give us." He said, "All the glories of war could be kept in a grain of corn...we are only human and human beings can do only a few things."

Castro said with a smile: "As Lincoln said, you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't

fool all of the people all of the time. And Lincoln didn't know about even television then."

When questioned about the use of Cuba as a base for Nicaraguan rebels, Castro said, "Exiles came to Cuba and want to return to their own country. No government can permit its country to be used as a base. Cuba can help other countries by being an example more than in any other way, by becoming a real democracy and solving its economic problems."

Castro held up a newspaper with headlines of a plan for his assassination and said that the greatest help which could be extended to the people of the Dominican Republic would be to invite dictator Trujillo here.

When questioned as to whether world public opinion might slow down or stop the executions in Cuba, Castro said, "This is the only revolution where there were no riots, no anarchy, where a peaceful change was effected, because the revolutionists had promised that the war criminals would be punished by trial." He said, "Nobody likes to punish with death but the executions must take place to serve as an example and as precedent for future policemen so no further political torture and murder will take place and for the benefit of other countries."

Investments Safe

Castro told the group in answer to a question that investments can now be risked in Cuba — "money for industry — not grants" — because now Cuba has an honest government, the same guarantees for everyone and is going to create a domestic market."

OPC President *Thomas P. Whitney*, in introducing Castro, said "you've written your own introductions," and called him a candidate for "man of the year."

Seated with Castro on the main dais were the Honorable *Luis H. Baralt*, Cuban Consul General of New York; OPC Secretary *John Luter*; *Rufo Lopez Fresquet*, Cuban Minister of Finance; OPC Vice President and Treasurer *John Wilhelm*; *Dr. Raul Roa*, Cuban Ambassador to the Organization of American States; *Dr. Manuel Bisbe*, Cuban Ambassador to the UN; OPC Vice President *Henry Cassidy*; *Richard Patterson*, New York City Commissioner of Commerce and Public Events; *Fred Ronkin*, UN interpreter; OPC Vice President *Inez Robb*; *Dr. Ernesto Dihigo*, Cuban Ambassador to Washington; *Ernesto Betancourt*, managing director of the Cuban Bank of Foreign Trade; the Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban Navy, and military and naval attaches.

Also seated on the dais were other officers of the OPC and members of the Board of Governors.

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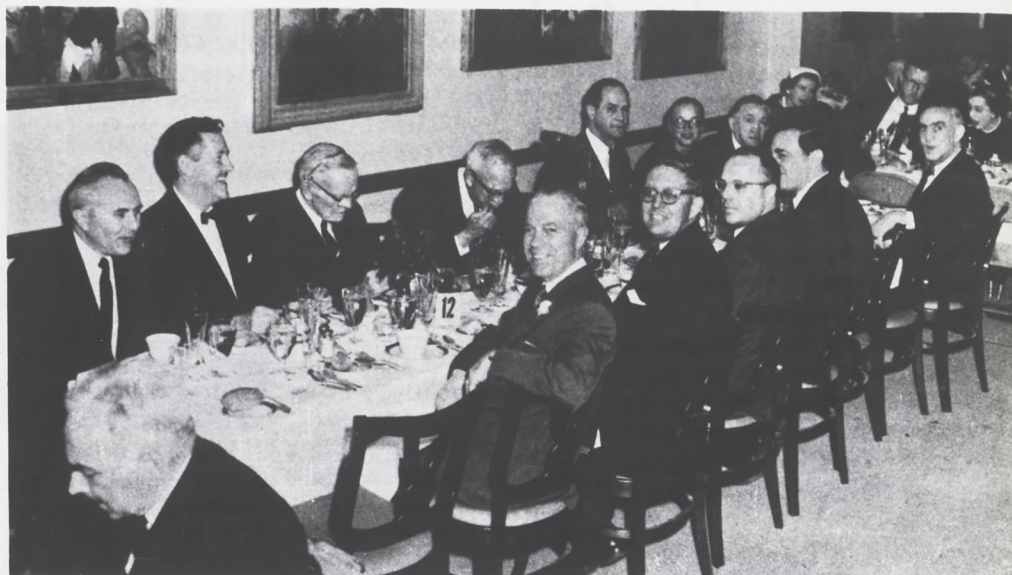
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FORMER PACIFIC-TOKYO CORRESPONDENTS sit down to eat at the OPC's reunion for men who served in that area. Rear, left to right, are Frank Tremaine, vice president of UPI; Richard W. Johnston, former UP, now assistant managing editor of *Sports Illustrated*; Admiral William ("Bull") Halsey; General Holland M. ("Howlin' Mad") Smith; Admiral Harold N. Miller; Dickey Chapelle, and William L. Laurence. Front, left to right, are Edmund Vada-boncoeur, former NBC, now president of station WSYR in Syracuse, N.Y.; OPC Vice President and Treasurer John Wilhelm, Martin Sheridan, Robert Shaplen, former *Newsweek*, now *New Yorker*, and Franz Weissblatt. Reunion, attended by ninety persons, was held April 24. NBC's Merrill Mueller was moderator.

PEOPLE & PLACES

NBC's *Al Perlmutter* and his wife *Priscilla* became parents of their first child, a son, *James Frederick*, on April 22...*George Brown*, WOR News Director, and *John Scott*, news analyst, leave May 6 to do a special news report from Berlin prior to coverage of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' parley...*William Frye*, director of Nat'l. Council of Churches' new Office of Information... *Larry LeSueur* addressed Pittsburgh Foreign Policy Ass'n. session on Berlin crisis.

Walt Wiggins back from Hawaii assignment; *Jerry Cooke* from USSR and *Bette Sweeney Friedheim* from press-travel agent junket to Russia and Scandinavia; *Adele Nathan* from speaking engagement and Lincoln Authors of America dinner (she was guest of State) in Springfield, Ill....*Don Peretz*' seven-month Middle East trip last year was food for pieces in *Commonweal*, *Middle East Journal*, and *Progressive*...*William Taylor McKeown*, editor of *Popular Boating*, covered the Miami-Nassau powerboat races for his magazine and NEA and won the event in his boat's class.

Ken Giniger of Hawthorn Books and photographer *Yousuf Karsh* left for Rome to join Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and British Travel writer H.V. Morton in preparing a book on the Eternal City...*Gerald Green's The Lotus Eaters* (Scribner's) due out in September... *Ed Hymoff* new news director for WMGM.

Fred S. Ferguson, who retired as president of NEA Service last year, had a cerebral thrombosis on Feb. 11. He is in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at the Holy Cross Hospital.

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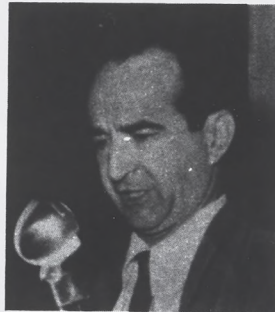
An exhibit of eighty-five photographs by fifty-five photographers, sponsored by Saturday Review and organized by Ivan Dmitri, will open at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on May 8.

Among the photographers whose work was selected from among 438 nominations by a distinguished art jury are Cornell Capa, Jerry Cooke, Bruce Davidson, Alfred Eisenstadt, Eliot Elisofon, Yousuf Karsh and Howard Sochurek.

FIGUERES AT OPC

Jose ("Pepe") Figueres, former President of Costa Rica, will be guest at an OPC press conference and reception on May 4 at 4:45 p.m.

Figueres earned comment as a Latin American leader when his administration sponsored the adoption of a new national Constitution which limited presidents to one term. To dramatize the importance of free elections, Figueres called on a team of UN observers to supervise the elections last year, and on May 8 turned over the government to the opposition party.



Figueres is described by Congressman C.O. Porter (D., Ore.) as "the first national leader in Latin America to come to grips with Communism." In 1942 Figueres attacked the collaboration between the right-wing Calderon Garcia government and the Communist Party and was exiled to Mexico. He returned in 1948 to lead a military action against Communist-dominated forces, and was elected President of Costa Rica in 1953 by a two-to-one margin.

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